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FEBRUARY 20, 1806.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

Making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.



1    Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*  
3 all persons, or the legal representatives of persons, to whom loan-  
4 office, or final settlement certificates, or indents of interest, have  
5 been issued, and all persons in whose favor settlements have  
6 been made at the treasury, or who stand credited on the books of  
7 the treasury, which said certificates, credits and settlements, were  
8 issued or made for services or supplies done or furnished prior to  
9 the fourth day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred  
10 and eighty-nine, and have not since been funded or paid; and all  
11 persons who served in the armies of the United States, during the  
12 late revolutionary war with Great Britain, and to whom arrearages  
13 of pay, clearly appearing on the muster and pay rolls, or other  
14 authentic document now existing in the war office, or in any other

15 department of the government, may be due, shall be allowed to  
 16 present their respective claims at the treasury, and shall receive  
 17 the amount thereof, without any interest, upon proving, by the  
 18 oath or affirmation of at least one disinterested witness, to the sa-  
 19 tisfaction of the accounting officers of the treasury, that he or she  
 20 so claiming, is the person or legal representative of the person to  
 21 whom the same was originally due.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if the claim shall arise  
 2 upon a certificate alleged to have been lost or destroyed, the claim-  
 3 ant shall state the manner of such loss, or destruction, with his or  
 4 her belief of the same, upon oath, and shall likewise give bond,  
 5 with security, to be approved by the accounting officers of the trea-  
 6 sury, conditioned for the repayment of the sum by him or her re-  
 7 ceived, with interest thereon, in case the certificate so alleged to  
 8 have been lost or destroyed, shall ever thereafter be presented at  
 9 the treasury for repayment. *in case it is not found by the*

*claimant, or by the U.S. marshal, or by the auditor of the treasury, or by the*  
 1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when any claim shall be  
 2 presented, as aforesaid, it shall be accompanied with the oath of  
 3 the claimant, that he or she hath not sold or disposed of the said  
 4 claim, or any part thereof, but that the whole amount is intended  
 5 to be drawn for his or her sole use and benefit, and for none other;  
 6 which said oath, the auditor of the treasury is hereby authorized  
 7 to administer, if the claimant shall attend at the treasury, in per-  
 8 son.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no claim shall be paid in  
 2 virtue of any power of attorney, unless the said power shall be

3 made in the form now prescribed by the rules of the treasury, and  
4 the attorney shall swear, at the time of presenting the same, that he  
5 verily believes the money intended to be drawn, is for the sole use  
6 and benefit of the claimant, and for none other, and that he does  
7 not believe that the said claim has been pledged, sold, or disposed  
8 of in any manner whatsoever; which oath the auditor of the trea-  
9 sury is hereby authorized to administer; and unless the said power  
10 be accompanied with the proof required in the first and second sec-  
11 tions of this act, taken before some judge or justice of the United  
12 States, or of some of the respective states, authenticated by the  
13 seal of a court of record.

1    Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any person wilfully  
2 swearing or affirming falsely in the premises, shall suffer as in the  
3 case of wilful and corrupt perjury, and may be prosecuted therefor  
4 in any court in the United States, having competent jurisdiction.

1    Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall continue  
2 in force for and during the term of            years, from the passing  
3 thereof, and no longer.